

# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Crops & Pastures Benefit From More Moisture

Data tables reflect the week ending: **July 24, 2011**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	98	95	100	99
Corn Dough	51	29	77	74
Corn Dented	15	N/A	41	36
Cotton Squaring	64	50	85	85
Cotton Setting Bolls	39	26	59	50
Peanuts Pegged	40	27	50	46
Soybeans Blooming	46	30	61	60
Soybeans Setting Pods	10	N/A	27	27

N/A – Not Applicable

### CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	11	15	32	38	4
Cotton	13	19	30	33	5
Peanuts	8	21	38	29	4
Soybeans	2	9	27	59	3
Livestock	3	7	33	54	3
Pasture & Range	9	14	36	37	4

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.7	8	32	60	0
District 20	5.1	0	15	83	2
District 30	4.7	3	34	59	4
District 40	5.1	12	34	54	0
District 50	5.2	29	46	25	0
District 60	5.7	26	28	43	3
State: Current Week	5.5	14	30	55	1
State: Previous	5.2	16	25	55	4

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** Isolated rain showers fell in Jackson County leaving areas in need of water, said Donald Mann, Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director (CED). Mann said high temperatures removed excess moisture so

additional rainfall will be needed soon to keep the crops in good condition. Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED, said rainfall was widespread in Chambers and Lee Counties, but is still below normal. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said Clay and Randolph Counties received scattered rain showers, but they still are behind on rainfall. Don Moore, Director of the Alabama Experiment Station in Prattville, said 3.4 inches of rain was recorded at the service center. Brenda Glover, Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) Regional Extension Agent (REA), said rain has been spotty in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. Jennifer Stanley, FSA Program Technician, said Escambia County received rain; however, some showers came as downpours that rolled off the topsoil and did not soak into the ground. Karen D. McDonald, FSA CED, said Monroe County received an average of six inches of rainfall this past week. James D. Jones, ACES County Extension Coordinator, said rain has helped Henry County, but a good soaking rainfall across the entire county is still needed for further crop progress to be seen. Bobby Beasley, FSA CED, said producers were relieved with the change from dry to more wet conditions as much needed rainfall was received in Henry County. Unfortunately Henry County still has far to go in order to pull away from an unusually dry season.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans:** Gay said patches of corn in Clay and Randolph Counties appear to have recuperated, while other fields still are suffering. Moore said all crops except corn look very good. Moore added that because of the wet field conditions growth regulators are being distributed by plane onto the cotton crop. Alfred K. Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program County Agent, said as water becomes more available for plant uptake, crop pests such as disease and insect pressures increase. Stanley reported that the crops are looking up in Escambia County. McDonald said many fields of cotton had to be replanted in Monroe County producing fields at various stages of growth.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said pastures have improved thanks to the scattered rainfall, and hay operations picked up for the first time in more than a month. Glover, said most producers are making their second cutting of hay, even though there is not a lot to cut. Producers hope that by cutting hay now, the next cutting will be better. McDonald said pastures and crops in Monroe County look much better thanks to the rain.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center**  
**Values for Sunday, July 17, 2011, to Saturday, July 23, 2011**  
**(7 days)**  
<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	80.6	4.85
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	81.4	1.23
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	82.9	0.55
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	82.5	2.37
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	79.4	2.48
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	80.8	1.03
Gadsden	Gadsden	AL	83.1	0.00
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	80.9	0.76
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	81.6	0.61
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	82.2	0.00
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	82.8	0.92
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	83.1	0.87
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	83.3	2.07
Pinson	Pinson	AL	80.2	3.03
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	80.6	0.19
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	81.1	0.12
Selma	Selma	AL	81.7	2.57
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	79.9	0.60

**U.S. Drought Monitor, July 19, 2011**

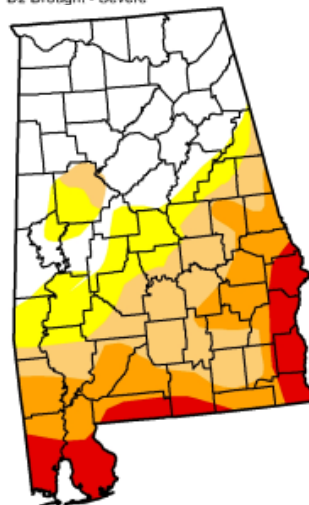
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<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.90	61.10	46.79	27.29	10.03	0.00
Last Week (07/12/2011 map)	13.70	86.30	56.59	39.92	22.22	9.18
3 Months Ago (04/19/2011 map)	54.02	45.98	38.01	16.84	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	17.47	82.53	55.26	29.34	1.82	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	3.64	96.36	66.34	25.17	4.40	0.00
One Year Ago (07/13/2010 map)	53.35	46.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



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